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1. DURING ROOT VISIT TO HUNGARY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ROOT MET WITH CULTURAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE (KKI). AT KKI JANOS LASANYI TOLD ROOT THAT A HUNGARIAN PROCESS FOR BRINGING COAL TO SURFACE COULD PERHAPS BE APPLIED ON LARGER SCALE TO U.S. OPERATIONS. LASANYI SAID THAT THIS PROCESS HAD BEEN DESCRIBED IN A PAPER PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST (REF B).

2. REF A REQUESTS EMBASSY TO FORWARD THIS PAPER TO DEPARTMENT.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE IN ITS FILES ANY SUCH PAPER. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LETTER FROM FORMER ECONOFF KURSCH TO SCIENCE ATTACHE IN BUCHAREST SIDNEY SMITH WHICH ADDRESSES THIS SUBJECT. RELEVANT PORTION OF LETTER QUOTED BELOW IN HOPES THAT IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO DEPARTMENT.

4. QUOTE: IN RESPONSE TO PAST SUGGESTIONS THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO DO SOMETHING IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, LASANYI PROVIDED ME WITH A SYSTEM DEVELOPED IN HUNGARY BY THE MINING RESEARCH INSTITUTE CALLED A HYDRO-TRANSFORMER.
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HE SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS OF THIS THEORY,

WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN USED FOR SUPPLYING AIR-CONDITIONED
PLANTS OF MINES WITH COLD WATER, MIGHT SERVE AS THE BASIS
FOR A FUTURE COOPERATIVE VENTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
DEFICIENCIES OF MY OWN TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE PREVENT ME
FROM PERFORMING MUCH OF AN EVALUATION. HOWEVER, I
THOUGHT THAT HOPEFULLY YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GLEAN MORE
FROM THE PROSPECTUS THAN I. IF IT LOOKS LIKE IT DOES
HAVE POSSIBILITIES, DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT PASS IT ALONG
TO SOMEONE AT NSF? OBVIOUSLY IT IS AN IDEA THAT THE
HUNGARIANS THEMSELVES ARE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT.
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